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SUBJECT:	Justice Study on Leak Legislation	
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Special Assistant to the DCI

for Counterintelligence

FROM:

Robert W. Gambino

Chairman

SUBJECT:

Study on Leak Legislation

SCC/CI/WG 18 September Meeting

- 1. The Security Committee unanimously endorses the Justice study on leak legislation and offers the full support of its Unauthorized Disclosure Investigative Subcommittee in any possible way.
- 2. I am disappointed in the lack of any specific legislative proposal that would provide the Government at least the same degree of control over leaks of classified material as the law allows over the unauthorized release of Department of Agriculture's protection of US crops.
- 3. If we are limited to supporting one of the three alternatives offered by Justice as being designed to modify or clarify coverage, we would select and recommend endorsement of a combination of Alternative 2.
 - Prohibition against all unauthorized disclosures by present or foreign government employees and Alternative 4.

- Providing a criminal penalty for failure to comply with predisclosure procedures.

Should the CI/WG membership endorse Mr. Gregg's plan to have a small group designated to work with Justice to prepare an option paper I request that the DCI/CIA member(s) keep in touch with the Security Committee Staff for both consultative and input support.

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

August 3, 1979

MEMORANDUM FOR:

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE WORKING

GROUP MEMBERS

SUBJECT:

Study on Leak Legislation

Attached is a study of alternate proposals for legislation to deal with unauthorized disclosure of unauthorized information. This was prepared by the Department of Legal Counsel, Department of Justice. The Department of Justice has offered to take the lead in this project. I am circulating to all members of the CIWG the Department of Justice draft. I would request that members be prepared to give initial reaction to it at the CIWG meeting scheduled for 9 August. At that point I would plan to have a small group designated to work with Justice to prepare an options paper.

I regret the delay in circulating this paper to CIWG members.

Donald Gregg NSC Staff Member

Attachment

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Office of the Attorney General Washington, A. C. 20530

June 4, 1979

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS

RE: Leak Legislation Study

Pursuant to a request from the SCC, the Department of Justice has undertaken a comprehensive study of alternative proposals for legislation to deal with unauthorized disclosure of classified information. The study focuses on the problems in dealing with leaks of classified information when the disclosure is not for benefit of a foreign power.

I am forwarding to you the substantial analysis by the Office of Legal Counsel of this subject. The study is clearly too extensive to put before the SCC principals in its present form. I suggest that you direct the Counterintelligence Working Group to refine the study and produce a brief options paper for consideration by the SCC. The Department of Justice will happily take the lead in this project but a collegial working group mechanism should be utilized so that the Department can receive views of all interested agencies.

Griffin B. Bell Attorney General

